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Hungarian Troops in Kaposvar.

1. Prior to 24 March 1951, an infantry regiment with its headquarters and two battalions was located in the Zrinyi Miklos Barracks, northeast of the railroad station, in the southeastern sector of Kaposvar (Y 4/A 95). The 2d Bn included two mortar companies. It was commanded by Junior Lieutenant Istvan Petervari and consisted of 3 platoons, each with 3 heavy mortar sections. The heavy mortars were mounted on carts with two wooden wheels. Carts with rubber tires were expected to arrive. The barracks installation also quartered a signal company and a company of tank troops. Raba trucks, small personnel carriers, and Soviet Gaz jeeps were seen in the garage.
2. During the period from early May to early July 1950, recruits of the Hungarian Air Force from Szekesfehervar-Sosto (Q 48/Z 00) received infantry training with the 3d Co of the 2d Bn of the infantry regiment in the Zrinyi Miklos Barracks. At the same time, other groups of air force recruits were detached to infantry units in Kiskoeroes (Y 6/N 52), Kiskunhalas (Y 6/N 70), Nagykanizsa (Y 4/A 26), Keszthely (Y 4/V 40), Budapest, Tapolca (Y 4/D 35) and Nagykoeroes (Q 48/O 06). The air force recruits who reported for active service in Szekesfehervar-Sosto in the fall of 1950 were not detached to infantry units for basic training.
3. In June 1950, a horse-drawn unit with guns of about 30-mm without muzzle brake, a signal unit, an engineer unit and an infantry unit were last seen in the Gabor Aron Barracks which is located just west of the Zrinyi Miklos Barracks.
4. A Hungarian infantry unit was quartered in the Zalka Mate Barracks which is located on the road from the railroad station to the town. In July 1950, a new barracks installation was under construction on the northwest edge of Kaposvar, on the west side of the road to Kaposfuered (Y 4/A 96).

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Hungarian Troops in Tapolca.

5. Prior to 24 March 1951, the Infantry Barracks at the airfield was occupied by soldiers of various branches of service. Two of the barracks buildings quartered infantrymen, one building soldiers of a horse-drawn artillery unit, one building signal troops, one building AAA troops, one building infantrymen and tank troops, and one building tank troops. The officers' billets of the Infantry Barracks were also used by married officers of the units stationed at the airfield. In late July 1950, about 24 tanks arrived in the barracks installation. Their gun barrels projected beyond the bow and mounted muzzle brakes. The construction of an ammunition depot in the area north of the Infantry Barracks was completed in the fall of 1950. (1)

Miscellaneous.

6. At the end of 1950 and the beginning of 1951, AHV units totaling more than 1,000 men were quartered in the newly constructed barracks installation about 600 meters south of the airfield, on the west side of Soeptel Street, in Szombathely (P 48/C 78). The installation consisted of 3 four-story buildings, two of which were connected with each other by a passage in the second floor.

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8. In early 1951, an artillery unit was quartered in the new barracks installation in Siofok (Y 5/D 86). In late December 1950, AAA troops were stationed in the barracks installation on Robert Karoly Ring. At the same time, a Hungarian infantry unit was stationed in Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95). (3)

Service Colors and Branch-of-Service Insignia.

9. Hungarian troops wore the following service colors and branch-of-service insignia:

<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Color of Epaulets</u>	<u>Insignia</u>
Infantry	green	crossed rifles
Artillery	red	crossed gun barrels
AAA troops	white-bordered red	crossed gun barrels
Cavalry	yellow	
Tank troops	blue	tank
Signal troops	dark-blue	bundle of lightning
Parachutists	white-bordered green	Without insignia. Trainee parachutists wore a round wreath enclosing an open parachute on the left breast

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<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Color of Epaulets</u>	<u>Insignia</u>
Supply troops	purple	crossed ear of corn and hammer
Motor transport troops	brown	
Air force	white-bordered blue	two crossed propellers
Medical personnel	black	
Veterinary personnel	steel-blue (4)	

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Comments.

- (1) A troop camp, where courses of various branches of service were held, has been known near Tapolca airfield. It may be the Infantry Barracks mentioned in the present report.
- (2) Other sources also reported a tank unit to be stationed in Jaszbereny.
- (3) Siofok has been known to be an artillery post. The AAA battalion, is located in the Iriny Daniel Barracks on former Robert Karoly Ring.
- (4) The information on service colors and branch-of-service insignia agrees with previous reports.

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